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We Claim:

1. ~~A cart for heavy folding tables of the type used by hotels, convention centers, schools, and other institutions having a planar upper member supported by a rectangular support frame thereunder that includes a pair of spaced folding leg members for supporting said planar upper member approximately 29-30 inches above the floor, said cart comprising:~~
 - a base frame having an upper table receiving bed for supporting the lower edge of a table tipped thereon;
 - said bed having a height greater than one-half the height of said folding tables such that when the cart is placed beneath the table the lower edge of the table can be easily tilted onto said base;
 - said base further including a tipped table support extending upwardly and at an angle from said bed for supporting a table top in the tilted and transporting position;
 - said table support having a steep slope extending upwardly and outwardly from said base such that the table, with the top thereof placed against said support structure and with the legs thereof extended over said base, is leaning slightly against said tipped table support in a stable orientation; and
 - said bed further including guide ridges along at least opposed ends of said base frame defining a plurality of table edge holding notches therebetween;
- 20 whereby a single operator can easily load and unload said heavy folding tables.
2. The cart of Claim 1 wherein said bed has a length less than the distance between said folding legs so that the cart may be pushed beneath the table.

3. The cart of Claim 1 wherein said table receiving bed comprises a box frame with spaced, opposed side and end members, said end members including upper surfaces at said bed height on which said guide ridges are formed with said table edge holding notches, said end members being spaced apart sufficiently to support said 5 tables in the folded position.

4. The cart of Claim 3 wherein the space between said end members is approximately 40 inches and the bed height is approximately 19 inches for rectangular folding tables.

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5. The cart of Claim 4 wherein the effective width of said cart is less than 30 inches to permit access of a loaded cart through a conventional door.

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6. The cart of Claim 3 wherein the space between said end members is approximately 31 inches and the bed height is approximately 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches for circular folding tables having a diameter of 4-6 feet.

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7. The cart of Claim 3 wherein said tipped table support comprises a pair of spaced arms forming a plane generally parallel to a line extending between corresponding notches in said end members for supporting a tipped table thereagainst.

8. The cart of Claim 7 wherein said arms form an angle of approximately 80° with the horizontal.

9. The cart of Claim 8 further including a handle extending between said arms.

10. The cart of Claim 1 wherein said table receiving bed comprises a support surface extending across said base frame and said guide ridges are formed by a plurality of slats extending along said support surface forming a plurality of table edge holding channels therebetween.

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